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NATSOULIS et al.

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Title: HIGH-EFFICIENCY AAV HELPER FUNCTIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the
following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

On page 1, please delete lines 1-9 and insert therefor

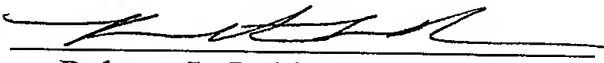
--This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/449,581, filed November 29, 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/107,708, filed June 30, 1998 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,027,931), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/688,648, filed July 29, 1996, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/510,790, filed August 3, 1995 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,622,856) from which applications priority is claimed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 and which applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.--

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are made to insert the priority claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES

In the Specification:

The existing text under the heading "RELATED APPLICATIONS" has been deleted and replaced with the following text:

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